

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A headlamp assembly for a vehicle, comprising:
 - an electric bulb;
 - a reflector having a reflecting surface for reflecting light in a predetermined irradiating direction which light is generated by said electric bulb;
 - a lens provided on a front side of said reflector;
 - a case disposed so as to enclose a rear portion of said reflector and supporting the reflector;
 - a blindfold member is provided to fill a gap which is formed between said case and said reflector when viewed from the front side; and
 - a reflecting surface is formed on a front side of said blindfold member at an angle which is set so that light received from below is conducted in a forward-of direction with respect to the vehicle,
wherein said blindfold member is an uneven surface having ridges extending laterally with respect to the vehicle.

2. (Currently Amended) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein:
two said electric bulbs are arranged vertically ~~side by side~~ with respect to each other
and said reflector has two reflecting surfaces arranged vertically with respect to each other

for reflecting light in two different directions which light is generated by said electric bulbs, and

wherein said two reflecting surfaces are constricted inwardly in a lateral direction in external form at a connection where they are adjacent to where they join each other, thus forming gaps between constricted portions and said case, and said blindfold member is disposed in a gap between a-the constricted portion portions and said case.

3. (Currently Amended) A headlamp assembly for a vehicle, comprising:
an electric bulb;
a reflector having a reflecting surface for reflecting light in a predetermined irradiating direction which light is generated by said electric bulb;
a lens provided on a front side of said reflector;
a case having a colored inner surface disposed so as to enclose a rear portion of said reflector and supporting the reflector;
a blindfold member is provided to fill a gap which is formed between said case and said reflector when viewed from the front side, the blindfold member having a surface facing and straddling an area where a side edge of the lens is connected to the inner surface of the case, ; and

wherein said surface of said blindfold member has a surface which is formed at such an angle so as to project light received from an reflect the color of the inner surface of said case in a forward direction with respect to the vehicle, so that when the blindfold member is

viewed from the front side of the headlamp, the blindfold member appears to have the color of the inner surface of the case.

4. (Original) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 3, wherein the inner surface of said case is black in color.

5. (Original) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said blindfold member is integral with a front edge of said reflector.

6. (Original) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 2, wherein said blindfold member is integral with a front edge of said reflector.

7. (Original) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 3, wherein said blindfold member is integral with a front edge of said reflector.

8. (Original) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 4, wherein said blindfold member is integral with a front edge of said reflector.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to ~~claim 9~~ claim 1, wherein said blindfold member said uneven surface is formed from a plurality of downwardly inclined surfaces.

11. (Currently Amended) A headlamp assembly for a vehicle, comprising:

- a reflector having a reflecting surface for reflecting light in a predetermined irradiating direction;
- a lens provided on a front side of said reflector;
- a case disposed so as to enclose a rear portion of said reflector and supporting the reflector;
- a blindfold member for filling a gap formed between said case and said reflector when viewed from the front side; and
- a reflecting surface formed on a front side of said blindfold member at an angle which is set so that light received from below is conducted in a forward direction with respect to the vehicle,
wherein said two reflecting surfaces of the reflector are an upper reflector and a lower reflector, and said blindfold member straddles between said upper reflector and said lower reflector.

12. (Currently Amended) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 11, and further including:

two said electric bulbs are arranged vertically ~~side by side~~ with respect to each other and said reflector has two reflecting surfaces arranged vertically with respect to each other for reflecting light in two different directions which light is generated by said electric bulbs, and

wherein said two reflecting surfaces are constricted inwardly in a lateral direction in external form at a connection where they are adjacent to where they join each other, thus forming gaps between constricted portions and said case, and said blindfold member is disposed in a ~~gap~~ gaps between ~~a~~ the constricted portion portions and said case.

13. (Currently Amended) A headlamp assembly for a vehicle, comprising:

a reflector having a reflecting surface for reflecting light in a predetermined irradiating direction;

a lens provided on a front side of said reflector;

a case having a colored inner surface disposed so as to enclose a rear portion of said reflector and supporting the reflector;

a blindfold member is provided to fill a gap which is formed between said case and said reflector when viewed from the front side, the blindfold member having a surface facing and straddling an area where a side edge of the lens is connected to the inner surface of the case, ; and

wherein said surface of said blindfold member has a surface which is formed at such an angle so as to project light received from an reflect the color of the inner surface of said case in a forward direction with respect to the vehicle, so that when the blindfold member is viewed from the front side of the headlamp, the blindfold member appears to have the color of the inner surface of the case.

14. (Original) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 13, wherein the inner surface of said case is black in color.

15. (Original) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 11, wherein said blindfold member is integral with a front edge of said reflector.

16. (Original) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 12, wherein said blindfold member is integral with a front edge of said reflector.

17. (Original) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 13, wherein said blindfold member is integral with a front edge of said reflector.

18. (Original) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 14, wherein said blindfold member is integral with a front edge of said reflector.

19. (Previously Presented) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 11, wherein said blindfold member is an uneven surface having ridges extending laterally with respect to the vehicle.

20. (Original) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 19, wherein said blindfold member said uneven surface is formed from a plurality of downwardly inclined surfaces.

21. (Currently Amended) The headlamp assembly for a vehicle according to claim 2, wherein said two reflecting surfaces of the reflector are an upper reflector and a lower reflector, and said blindfold member straddles between said upper reflector and said lower reflector.

22. (Cancelled)